



## Tennessee First Lady's Statewide Summer Read

### Guidelines

Get kids excited about reading this summer with First Lady Crissy Haslam's *Read to be Ready* Summer Reading Competition, a challenge to read the most number of minutes over the summer break!

All Tennessee children, from rising Kindergarteners to rising 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students, are eligible to track their number of minutes read from June 1 – July 28 to compete for *Tennessee's Top 100 Summer Readers*.

Upon the submission of each student's reading log packet by Friday, July 28, each local library branch will send the reading log of their top reader to the Office of the First Lady. The top 100 readers of the Statewide Summer Read will be announced and notified by the Office of the First Lady via email on Friday, August 4. The students who qualify as *Tennessee's Top 100 Summer Readers* will be invited, along with one parent or guardian, to a celebratory Kids State Dinner at the Tennessee Residence in Nashville on Friday, August 18, 2017.

### SAVE THE DATES!

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| <b>June 1</b>    | The First Lady's Summer Reading Competition begins!   |
| <b>July 28</b>   | Reading Log Packets must be submitted to <a href="#">your local public library branch</a> .   |
| <b>August 4</b>  | <i>Tennessee's Top 100 Summer Readers</i> are announced & notified<br><i>*The Office of the First Lady will contact each winning student's parent or guardian via email*</i>  |
| <b>August 18</b> | Kids State Dinner celebrating <i>Tennessee's Top 100 Summer Readers</i> is hosted at the Tennessee Residence in Nashville, TN. Each child may bring one parent or guardian to the Kids State Dinner for an evening of celebratory festivities to reward the readers' hard work! |

### About this Initiative:

The First Lady's *Read to be Ready* Summer Reading Competition is a free summer-long literacy challenge designed to motivate children to read more books and visit their local library over the summer break. Students may read with a family member, friend, or on their own and reading books with a wide variety of subject matter and reading levels is encouraged. Minutes can be self-tracked and self-reported by Friday, July 28 by turning the Reading Log Packet into your local public library.

**\*\*Please contact the Office of the First Lady with any questions by emailing [Crissy.Haslam@tn.gov](mailto:Crissy.Haslam@tn.gov) or calling 615-741-7846\*\***